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- TARIFFS

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1. ROC LEGISLATURE PASSED THROUGH THREE READINGS A BILL
ON REVISION OF IMPORT TARIFFS IN ITS CLOSED-DOOR SESSION
JULY 13, 1978. THE REVISION INVOLVES 1,179 TARIFF ITEMS
WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE WHEN THE PRESIDENT APPROVES
AND PROMULGATES THE REVISIONS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE
TARIFF REVISIONS E MINOR TARIFF REDUCTIONS OR INCREASES.
OF THE TOTAL, 16 ITEMS NOW BECOME DUTY FREE, 983 ITEMS
ARE DUTY REDUCTIONS, 119 ITEMS ARE DUTY INCREASES,
26 ITEMS NOW HAVE DUTY RATES CALCULATED BY QUANTITY,
AND TARIFF ITEM DESCRIPTIONS AND CATEGORIES ARE CHANGED
FOR 35 ITEMS.

2. DUTY FREE ITEMS INCLUDE HUMAN HAIR, PIG BRISTLES,
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FEATHERS, POWER TESTING INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT, MAIL
SORTING MACHINES, AND HARBOR CONSTRUCTION BOATS. PRINCIPAL
DUTY CHANGES OF SIGNIFICANCE ARE AS FOLLOWS: TARIFFS
REDUCED FROM 130 TO 100 PERCENT FOR CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES IN TARIFF ITEMS 2203-5-6-7-9 INCLUDING BEER,
WINE, CHAMPAGNE, VERMOUTH, CIDER, BRANDY, WHISKY, RUM,
LIQUERS, GIN AND VODKA. TOBACCO PRODUCTS SUCH AS CIGARS,

CIGARETTES, SNUFF AND CHEWING TOBACCO (TARIFF ITEM 2402) ARE ALSO REDUCED FROM 130 TO 100 PERCENT. TABLE SALT IN TARIFF ITEM 2501 (1) (B) REDUCED FROM 104 TO 50 PERCENT, ALUMINUM OXIDE 2820 (1) FROM 20 TO 10, AND SODIUM SULPHATE 2838 (2) FROM 25 TO 15 PERCENT. DEFLUORINATED CALCIUM PHOSPHATE AND SODIUM TRIPOLY-PHOSPHATE (2840) HAVE DUTY INCREASES OF 10 TO 20 AND 20 TO 30 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. PHOSPHIDES - 2855 REDUCED FROM 20 TO 15 PERCENT, SACCHARIN - 2926 (1) FROM 130 TO 100, TANNING EXTRACTS - 3201 (2), (4), (5) FROM 30 TO 25, PAINTS AND ENAMELS - 3209 (1), (2) FROM 52 TO 40, AND PARACHUTES - 8804 FROM 52 TO 30 PERCENT. INTERNAL COMBUSTION PISTON ENGINES FOR OTHER USES - 8406 (D) INCREASED FROM 13 TO 25 PERCENT.

3. LISTING OF ABOVE TARIFF REVISIONS IS NOW BEING TYPED FOR TRANSMITTAL BY AIRGRAM. OFFICIAL LISTING IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED BY GROU CUSTOMS UNTIL SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER FINAL APPROVAL AND EMBASSY WILL THEN FORWARD TO WASHINGTON. UNGER

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